(d) what are its salient features and its utility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDRA K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Superconducting Cyclotron project of the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Calcutta is under execution. The expected commissioning of this Cyclotron project is by the end of the IX Plan period.

The Superconducting Cyclotron is a high technology project requiring considerable amount of research and development activities as well as preparedness on the part of the local manufacturers to take up sophisticated jobs. There have been difficulties in importing some crucial equipment. The project was originally scheduled to be completed during the IX Plan period.

(d) The Cyclotron is being constructed as a national facility for frontline research in the field of heavy ion physics, on completion, it will provide the Indian scientists a facility for basic research, on par with the international facilities in the field, and also for research on applications in material sciences, biology, medicine and related fields. Technological spin-off in the fields of superconducting magnets and cryogenics, which have important applications in various areas of advanced technology, is also expected from the project.

BIFR Decision on Uptron (CPT) Limited

2733. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BIFR has given its decision regarding UPTRON (CPT) Limited; if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which the the Company was referred to BIFR and the date of decision;

(b) whether the lock out in the Company was lifted on 20th June, 1996 if so, the details of agreement signed for rehabilitation of the employees;

(c) the number of employees of erstwhile Company retrenched during the three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government have received complaints of non-payment of salaries and dues of such employees; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDRA K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir. BIFR has approved the rehabilitation plan of Uptron Colour Picture Tubes Ltd. on 18th April, 1996. This Company was registered with BIFR on 18th November, 1993.

(b) to (d) According to available information the management of the Company M/s. Uptron Colour Picture Tubes Ltd. has been transferred to a private company namely, M/s BPL in May, 1996. No employee was retrenched till the time the management of the Company was with UP Electronics Corporation Ltd., a public sector unit of the Government of U.P.

Exemption of Modern Food Industries from Small Scale Sector

2734. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units of Modern Food Industries, particularly